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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1884.

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PRICE \$24 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

October 19. WILL O' THE WISP, British str., 166, P. O. Way, Hinglong 15th October. General. POSTAU & CO.

October 20. MARY AUSTIN, British steamer, 149, Mooney, Whampoa 20th October. General. CAPTAIN.

October 20. MEDUSA, Austro-Hungarian str., 1776, Rangoon, Trieste 1st September, and Singapore 14th October. General. MERCHANTS & CO.

October 20. CHINTUNG, American steamer, 804, Winsor, Newchwang 13th October. General. RUSSELL & CO.

October 20. CHEUNG HOOK KIAN, British str., 956, F. Web, Penang 8th October, and Singapore 13th. General. HIN HIN CHAN.

October 20. CHATEAU RENAUD, French corv., Boulogne, Kuching 18th October.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE.

20TH OCTOBER

Crusader, British str., for Saigon.

Cedars, Dutch str., for Amoy.

Telmacius, British str., for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.

October 19. PEHO, French str., for Yokohama.

October 20. HONOR, British str., for Shanghai.

October 20. ALBARIOS, Austrian gunboat, for Singapore.

October 20. KWANGTUNG, British str., for East Coast.

October 20. ANTON, German str., for Hohlow.

October 20. FOONSHAW, British steamer, for Whampoa.

October 20. XANTZETZ, British steamer, for Whampoa.

October 20. CELERS, Dutch str., for Amoy.

October 20. TELEMACIUS, British steamer, for London.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For Cheung Hock Kian, str., from Tonang. &c.—508 Chinese.

For Medusa, str., from Trieste—Messrs. Wallace, Ernest, Robert, King, Smith, Brown, Harvey, Bair, Spain, Honnig, Takeng, Ley, Flanc, Tait, 13th, Tang, and Pang. From Penang, 13th Chinese. From Singapore—Messrs. Gold and Bentwin, a European lady and 140 Chinese.

REPORTS.

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INTIMATIONS.

BANKS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

Bog to announce that they have now opened their NEW FURNISHING AND HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENT with a very large Stock of entirely New Goods specially selected for the present Season, Consisting of

Brussels Carpets, Bedding-frame quality of pure Wool, fast dyes, and this year's choicest designs.

Brussels 2nd quality, and Tapestry Carpets, double, moderate in price, and the newest pattern.

Kinzigian Carpets from 50/- each, these are woven in one piece, bordered, fringed, reversible, so they are most artistic and very suitable for reception and Bed Rooms.

A very large Assortment of Axminster, Velvet, and Shagreen, Household Linen, and Current Accounts kept on terms which may be learnt on application.

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DRUGGISTS AND
ARTERATED WATER MAKERS,
SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—Towtong delay in the execution of all Orders; it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. Watson and Co., or HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued unceasingly.

Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication.

Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

MARRIAGE.—On the 9th instant at the residence, by the Rev. Mr. M. J. Chapman, Vicar-General, Clerks of Works, Public Works Department, to ERICA POOL, youngest daughter of Henry Pool, Esq., Leamington, Warwickshire.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 21ST, 1884.

CHANG PEI-LUN, Joint Commissioner for the coast defence of the province of Fukien, who was full of bluster prior to the 23rd August, has, in accordance with Chinese custom, memorialised the Throne requesting that he may be severely punished for acting on the prudent advice.

Ho who fights and runs away may live to fight another day.

His memorial is a remarkable document; almost every statement in it is false, and it is altogether a comical account of the action on the Min River on the date above mentioned.

He says—"I made repeated requests that we might attack the French and that assistance might be sent to us; but neither request was granted. We therefore did what we could by anchoring the two small vessels I-han and Fu-han and the war-junks and merchant vessels in such a manner as to impede the enemy." It is true that CHANG PEI-LUN asked the Viceroy of the Liang Kiang to lend him a few gunboats, but they were not sent. According to the statements of Captain CHANG Sze, of the Yang-wo, and from the actual position of the two mosquito boats before the fight, the statement of the memorialist is very wide of the truth. Captain CHANG Sze wished to moor the two mosquito boats so that their bow guns could be turned on the Frenchmen at ebb tide, but CHANG PEI-LUN would not allow him to do so. None of the vessels were "anchored in such a manner as to impede the enemy." It is rather funny to hear of old junks laden with straw, kerosene, and stinkpots spoken of as "merchant vessels." Nothing can be more sublimely innocent than CHANG PEI-LUN's assertion that "up to the 13th August we were about as strong as the French, except that their vessels were larger and more solidly built than ours." It must have been about this time that the Inspector of the Hau-lin told Admiral COURBET to "come on, if you think you are able." The memorialist says that the captains of the Chinese vessels "had all become pale and haggard to a pitiable degree" by reason of having been at their posts day and night for forty days. If Captain CHANG Sze, of the Yang-wo, and commander of the fleet, could be taken as a fair sample, he must have recovered very rapidly, for when seen at Pagoda Anchorage for days after the engagement, he was as healthy looking a Chinaman as could be found anywhere. CHANG PEI-LUN proceeds:—"I knew we were not a match for the foe; but having nowhere to look for help and no way of escaping, I could do nothing more than stimulate the loyalty and patriotism of our captain." He was willing that all his relatives should shed every drop of blood they had in their veins; but his patriotism could not stand the test of personal risk. "When the first French gun was heard," CHANG PEI-LUN says, "I at once called the land forces under arms, and sent some light artillery on to a hill to help the fleet; and I myself mounted on to the hill top with Ho Ju-chang to watch the battle." He inadvertently omits to mention that the hill top was about six miles off. However, if we may judge by his own words, his flight must have been very swift. He started after the *Triomphant*'s signal gun was fired, and by the time he got on to the hill, the Yang-wo had already been blown up by a torpedo-boat. We know that the torpedo explosion took place within two or three minutes after the first gun was fired; so that it was probably a handicap race between CHANG PEI-LUN and Ho Ju-chang, the former getting a start of two or three miles. The memorialist's account of the fight is so full of misstatements or wilful falsehoods that we need not refer to them in detail. The largest French vessel, it seems, was an ironclad with "two masts and three funnels," which the memorialist designates the Nao-po. This vessel was burnt and sunk by a Chinese shot having penetrated her powder magazine; but as the French did not happen to lose any ironclad or other vessel with three funnels, or even two, she could only have existed in the imagination of CHANG PEI-LUN or the naval officer who supplied him with the information. The memorialist makes a pitiful wail over the French having attacked the Chinese fleet, "suddenly"; although he states that he wrote at midnight on the 22nd and at dawn on the 23rd warning the captains of the expected attack. The memorialist confesses all his sins and short-

OUR MAP OF NORTH FORMOSA.

With to-day's issue of the *Hongkong Daily Press* is given to subscribers a map of North Formosa on a large scale, which illustrates the scene of the French operations there, and which also supplies most valuable information concerning the topography and production of the district. It was printed from a survey made by Messrs. Hancock and Patterson, of the Imperial Maritime Customs Service, in 1882.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 18th October.

THE COLONIAL DEFENCES.

The sum required for Colonial defence is estimated at £291,000, which amount has been assigned for the purpose. Australian defences are not mentioned. India, the Colonies, and the British Government will share expenses, and the fortifications of Aden, Singapore, and Hongkong will be immediately commenced.

THE WAR IN THE SOUDAN.

The Mahdi is being despatched by the tribes.

BLOCKADE OF THE FORMOSAN PORTS.

A Gazette Extraordinary was issued yesterday afternoon containing the following:—

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 376.—A communication from the Consul General for France in this Colony respecting the blockade of the ports of Formosa is published for general information. By Command—

FREDERICK STOWARZ,
Acting Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th October, 1884.

PROTECTORATE.

"Les ports de Formose sont mis en état de recevoir les forces navales françaises sous le commandement du Vice-Amiral Courbet."

JOHN DEARDEN.

Hongkong, 19 October, 1884.

This measure has been adopted by Admiral Courbet probably on account of the recent attempt by the Chinese to convey arms and troops to Formosa in ships flying neutral flags. It is to be hoped, however, that the French Authorities will enforce the blockade only so far as relates to contraband of war, and not allow it to interfere with legitimate trade.

POLICE COURT.

20th October.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE.

DANGEROUS LUNATIC.

WONG ASIA was brought before the court on remand, charged with having committed a robbery in the street in the morning of the 20th of this month.

The defendant was convicted of larceny some time since, and his punishment included a whipping, and on Sunday he was seen with some other lads following up some drunks, waiting for an opportunity to rob them. A constable at length saw the defendant fast at the men's pocket, and he thereupon arrested him.

In default of finding two surties of \$10 each for his good behaviour for three months, the defendant was committed to goal for a month.

NO LIGHTS ON PLATES.

About 60 Chinamen were brought before his Worship charged with this offence, and they were fined small amounts.

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